

### Foreign Miscellany.

The population of the Turkish empire, in Europe, Asia and Africa, is 27,000,000.

It is computed that over 25,000 persons died of cholera in London this season.

The Mormons continue to make great progress in Europe. All over England they are making converts.

The Russians, instead of erecting monuments to commemorate remarkable events, erect churches as memorials.

A pumpkin was recently sent to the Paris market, which is said to weigh four hundred and seventy-eight pounds!

King Max, of Bavaria, has lately granted an allowance of 500 florins, to be repeated next year, to Melchior Meyer, a young Bavarian poet.

Every Russian who removes a buoy in the Baltic, is rewarded, and if an English vessel should be wrecked in consequence, he has a life pension.

The tallest man in Prussia, a grenadier of the Royal Guard, has recently died at Potsdam. His height was exactly seven feet and eight inches.

Nine hundred out of every thousand boys born since 1848, in Hungary, we are told, bear the name of Lajos (Louis), in memory of the exile Kossuth.

A letter from Paris reports that two vessels of 2000 tons burthen each, are in course of construction at Nantes, to ply between Havre and New York, the engines of which are to be worked by chloroform!

The Haurestein Tunnel (Bale) is pierced to a length of 365 feet on the southern, and 400 feet on the northern side of the mountain. The three shafts are 174, 120, and 220 feet deep. The whole tunnel is to be 8300 feet long.

Nearly 200,000 persons have bathed in the Serpentine river, Hyde Park, this season. Nineteen of them were saved from drowning by the exertions of the boatmen employed by the Royal Humane Society, and but one fatal accident has occurred.

The entire repeal of the usury laws in Great Britain has been accomplished at the recent session of Parliament. It is now lawful in Great Britain to loan money at any rate of interest and on any description of property, either real estate or otherwise.

Samuel Rogers, the poet, now over ninety-two years old, appears to have regained much of his strength, and may be seen taking a carriage airing in Regent's Park, London, every fine day.

The concourse of pious pilgrims at the shrine of Juggernaut was so great this year that a local famine ensued, and hundreds of Hindoos were to be seen lying in the roads dying of starvation.

The average weight of the mails despatched from London every evening is between fourteen and fifteen tons. The newspapers and the bags weigh twelve tons five hundred pounds.

It is estimated that the damage inflicted by the armies of the Czar upon the inhabitants of Moldavia and Wallachia, amounts to at least £10,000,000.

The savans of Paris are going to introduce the *Dioscora Japonica* as a substitute for the potato. It is a tubercular vegetable, with a more delicate flavor than a potato.

The Hotel des Invalides in Paris is now lighted by new gas extracted directly from water. Workmen are now engaged in constructing by the side of the gasometer a general calorifere for warming every part of the hotel.

Chevalier Bonelli has an invention for the application of electricity to weaving. It has been pronounced entirely successful, as well in London and Paris as at Turin. An agent of the inventor is on his way to the United States.

The returns of the Prussian income-tax show that, in a population of nearly 17,000,000, there are only three persons enjoying a greater income than £36,000, while in England there are twenty-two persons whose yearly income exceeds the sum of £50,000.

A shawl has lately been manufactured at Lyons for the empress of the French. It cost forty thousand francs, and contains the arms of England and France most ingeniously woven in the lace, and the emblematic lilies and roses running round the border.

The war taxes now imposed directly upon the British people, and paid for in hard cash, amount to fifty millions of dollars annually. This is about equal to the whole amount of annual taxes levied by the United States government on its revenue duties.

From official returns it appears that in Ireland the gross amount of acres under flax, this year, amounts to 159,238 against 174,579 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 15,341 acres in 1854.

Mr. Phillips, an American citizen, travelling with a regular passport from the Secretary of State, was arrested at Basle in Switzerland, and detained in prison two days, and subjected to insults and unnecessary severities.

A secret Paris society has been discovered, which has caused the revelation of some sad extravagances; the head of a dead body, exhumed for the purpose of giving solemnity to the initiation of members who were sworn upon it, was found.

A French gardener has reversed the order of things, and instead of producing colossal vegetables, has succeeded in growing microscopic specimens, which are said to contain as much of the nutritious principle as vegetables several times their size.

The number of men enrolled in the various Russian armies is stated at 561,295. This is a powerful force, but is necessarily very much scattered. In the Crimea the number of men is stated at 58,000, but that army has probably been reinforced before this time.

The gross amount expended yearly by the religious societies of Great Britain is upwards of five millions of dollars. The income of the British and Foreign Bible Society alone, last year, was some \$700,000; its issues since its formation have been nearly 28,000,000 of copies of the Scriptures, in about one hundred and fifty different languages.

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In the principal streets of Paris the greater number of the shops are now closed on Sunday.

The name of the new Lord Mayor of London, who has just been inaugurated into that venerable office, is Morn.

The Free Masons in England have just completed an asylum for the accommodation of aged members of their fraternity or their widows.

The London Times correspondent in the Crimea is understood to be a Mr. Russell, an Irishman, and his salary is £1500 a year.

A new bridge is proposed to be thrown across the Thames, in London, at a cost of between £200,000 and £220,000.

At the Russian restaurants, the favorite dish is an oily cake, made of fish, with a small pot of green oil to wash it down.

Iron ore, of good quality, and in great abundance, is found in the colony of Liberia, in Africa.

A German writer observes, there is such a scarcity of thieves in England, that they are obliged to offer a reward for their discovery.

A young lady in Paris lately made her fortieth ascent in a balloon, and landing in the country the rustics maltreated her as a witch.

It is estimated that 32,000 persons have left the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland within the past six and a half years, and joined the Protestant Church.

The production of wine, in the wine districts of Europe, in former years, has been as high as 2,159,000,000 of gallons.

The South-Eastern Railway Company, England, have expended, in the last nine years, fifty-three thousand three hundred and one pounds, yearly, in parliamentary and law expenses.

The English government appear to be meditating an attack upon Cronstadt as early in the spring as possible. Their preparations are formidable, and should nothing occur to stop the war, we may expect warm work in the Baltic.

The English government has lately contracted with a London manufacturer for 35,000,000 cartridges and 52,000 bombshells. It will take a year to complete the contract, though five hundred hands are employed.

The consumption of wine of all descriptions in Great Britain and Ireland is rapidly diminishing. In the year 1800, it averaged one gallon to every two inhabitants; and in 1853, it was one gallon to every four inhabitants.

In 1847, a certain Count Leopold Ferri, died at Padua, leaving a library entirely composed of works written by women, in various languages. This library amounted to more than 32,000 volumes.

The emperor of France has ordered a conscription of 160,000 men, and the British army is recruiting at the rate of 1000 a week. The armies of all the nations of Germany, great and small, are on a war footing, and ready for service at an hour's warning.

The official statement of the condition of the Bank of England, made up to the 10th October, gives the amount of coin and bullion in both departments at £13,579,796, which, as compared with the returns of the previous week, shows an increase of £154,769.

The English papers are commending the efforts of a young English lady, who is organizing a corps of nurses to attend to the wants of the wounded in the Crimea. They pay her benevolence some very high compliments, and speak of her acts as deserving almost of an apotheosis.

The church edifice in which the pilgrims worshipped when at Leyden, Holland, from 1609 to 1620, is still standing, the old stone-paved floor, the oaken pews and pulpit, and the sounding-board, remaining as when Robinson and his followers were there.

A sheaf of wheat was recently suspended from the altar of the church in the little village of Epingham, England, on the occasion of the recent Thanksgiving for the bountiful harvest.

A magnificent free library edifice, containing about 200,000 volumes, has been built of good stone, in the Italian style, and is now open near the Pantheon, Paris.

M<sup>me</sup> Taglioni is the owner of no fewer than four princely palaces in Venice, besides a beautiful villa on Lake Como, where she lives a few months of the year in grand style. She has danced to some purpose.

The most fashionable street garment worn by gentlemen in Paris, is a cloak with sleeves, closed in front by two rows of buttons. The sleeves are very wide, and the garment of middling length.

William Walker, of London, has bequeathed £1000 to the poor of his native city, Perth, the income to be expended in blankets, coals, and oatmeal in the month of November in each year, forever.

A patent for making boots and shoes by machinery has been taken out in England, and a company formed for the erection of extensive works, capable of turning out 17,000 pairs of boots and shoes per day. If this be so, alas for Lynn!

A Parisian letter writer states that Madame George Sands is about to change her name, and to assume that of Jean Paisin, her intention being to establish a weekly agricultural, literary and artistic journal, under the above fanciful pseudonyme.

The cabmen of Glasgow, about 550 in number, under the influence of city missionaries, it is stated, rested on Sunday, Nov. 19th, and announced their purpose to do so in future. The measure caused much indignation among a portion of the people, and much satisfaction, we presume, to another portion.

Twenty-six years ago, a miner fell into the shaft of the Penandrea mine, in Cornwall, England, and all the exertions to recover the body were unavailing. Shortly after the shaft was closed up and the miners stopped working. In April last the shaft was re-opened by another company, and a few weeks since the remains of the missing miner were discovered. An inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.



MAR 1855

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The total number of prisoners in England is 21,629.

A will was recently made in England which occupied thirty skins of parchment.

There are 267,091 milliners in England. Dickens very ungallantly calls them the "army of vanity." How impudent!

The French photographers in the East have already sent to Paris 409 photographs of incidents in the campaign.

There is one medical officer to every 97 English soldiers in the Crimea, and more are on their way.

The Spanish government is said to look coldly on the English proposals to enlist Spaniards for war.

The annual sweepings of the streets of Paris sell for \$700,000, after they are collected at the depot for manure.

The Earl of Desart has lately served his tenantry with notice that he will not permit them to grow potatoes, as they are a failing crop.

The net public income of Great Britain for the past year was about \$276,500,000; excess of expenditures over income, \$4,436,845.

A levy of ten men in every thousand is ordered in the eastern half of the Russian Empire, to be completed by the 15th of March.

On the first of January roses and other flowers bloomed abundantly in the public gardens of Paris.

Paris receives a seventh of all the foundlings of France, at a cost of twelve hundred and sixty-eight thousand francs per annum.

A correspondent of the London Illustrated News says that the men of the Russian cavalry are strapped to their saddles, so that if wounded they may not fall off.

Omar Pacha went to the opera at Bucharest with his nephew's wife, and the lady sat through the performance completely unveiled—a tremendous innovation on the Turkish custom.

A pan, containing about 600 gold coins, mostly Spanish, but some English, was recently dug up in the city of Utrecht. The earliest of these coins is of the year 1436, the latest of 1534.

The allies continue to send out stoves and stove pipe to the Crimea, and another detachment of navvies left England lately, to build a railway from Balacava to the trenches.

Lady Byron, as her subscription to the Patriotic Fund now making up in England, has offered to take charge of and educate an orphan boy, from eight to ten years of age, until fourteen.

The emperor of France has appropriated by decree, from the treasury, the sum of a hundred thousand francs, for the collection and publication of the correspondence of Napoleon I.

A successful inventor has offered the English war-office an electric rifle, which greatly surpasses any weapon in use, flinging a ball from 1000 to 2000 feet, at the rate of some sixty shots per minute.

Immense demands for space in the Crystal Palace have been made, and a new gallery has been attached to the building. Napoleon and Eugenie give notice that they will not accept as presents any article sent to the exhibition.

About 72,000,000 of friction matches are daily manufactured in France. At Paris, nearly ten thousand hands are employed in this branch of business. In one manufactory, 4,860,000 matches are daily made.

A new bridge to be called the "Alma," is to be built across the Seine at Paris, between the Pont des Invalides and the Pont d'Jena. The cost is estimated at 1,700,000f., half of which sum will be defrayed by the State, and half by the city of Paris.

There were in the hospitals (British) at Scutari, on the 24th, 3625 non-commissioned officers and privates, and 78 officers, making a total of 3703 patients.

The colonists of Sydney, New South Wales, are forming themselves into a volunteer corps, to be ready to repel any attack that may be made by the Russians.

Some missionaries of the Mormons are laboring most sedulously amongst the ignorant population of several districts in Gloucestershire, particularly urging the doctrine of polygamy.

In the city of London, whenever the temperature is below the average, the mortality is increased. For the week ending Nov. 18th, the temperature was 5 below, and 118 more deaths.

The Bishop of St. David's, in England, has given his surplus revenue, amounting to about \$70,000, to build parsonage houses and augment the pay of poor curates.

The Spanish government has not accepted the proposition made by the English ambassador to proclaim the slave trade piracy, but it has given orders for the strict execution of the convention already existing with England on that subject.

An innovation has been introduced into the army of the Two Sicilies, namely, that of a singing school. Thirty men from every regiment are to be instructed in singing religious hymns, in order that they may perform at processions, and on other great occasions.

Among the victims to cholera at Athens, was Aristotle Black, the last remaining son of the "Maid of Athens," an excellent young man, about eighteen years of age. He had been for nearly six years in the college at Malta, and returned to Athens last summer.

Among the latest inventions *de Paris* is one by which a letter and its envelope are formed with a single piece of paper. You can write to the very bottom of the fourth page, without fear that the wafer or sealing wax will hide any word whatever, and then you find the envelope already folded for your use.

In the United States there is one child attending school to every five persons. In Denmark there is one to every four. In Sweden one to five. In Prussia one to six. In Norway one to seven. In Belgium and Great Britain one to eight. In France one to ten. In Austria one to thirteen. In Holland and Ireland one to fourteen. In Greece one to eighteen. In Russia one to fifty. In Portugal one to eighty.

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The fountain of Vacluse is converted to the ignominious use of turning a paper-mill.

The Allies are going to establish a hospital for 2000 men at Smyrna, and an establishment for convalescents at Rhodes.

Large bodies of Russian troops have been ordered to concentrate themselves at Perekop, with a view of attacking Eupatoria.

The fifteenth anniversary of Queen Victoria's marriage with Prince Albert was celebrated by a public dinner at Windsor, the 9th of February.

A recent Odessa letter says that the Russians will shortly assume the offensive in the Crimea, having received the necessary reinforcements.

Five military marches for the piano, the composition of the wife of Omar Pacha, have just been published.

Nine hundred barrels of snails were exported from Switzerland for foreign consumption, in October and November last.

Dr. Pusey, the celebrated Oxford divine, was, at the last accounts from England, suffering from an attack of paralysis.

The mortality of Dublin is increasing at an alarming rate, the deaths in one week being nearly 400 in number, out of a population of 260,000.

The Duke of Cambridge, upon arriving at Dover, from the Crimea, said that "the campaign had been a soldier's, and nothing but a soldier's campaign."

A stone mason of Reading, England, named Oliver Cromwell, and said to be a descendant of the Protector, enlisted into the Grenadier Guards a few weeks ago.

A house, altogether of cast iron, four stories high, is about to be erected in Paris, on the plans of two engineers, one French and the other English.

Two hundred and forty-three journals and periodicals are published in seventy different localities in Switzerland. Several of the newspapers have lately increased their size.

Louis Napoleon has published a decree, which went into effect on the first of March, exempting foreign emigrants, passing through France, from vexatious searches of their baggage.

A Constantinople letter says the French 80 gun ship, Henry IV., which ran ashore November 14th, has been turned into a fort, and is now of great use to the Allies.

The past winter has proved very severe throughout Europe.

The Paris Exhibition will not be opened before June, owing to the backwardness, on account of the weather, in putting on the roof.

During the year 1854, no fewer than 73,697 persons died in London, out of a population of 2,500,000.

An English editor, in criticising Ruth Hall, calls Fanny Fern "the Charles Dickens of America," and hopes he may "have an opportunity of kneeling at her beautiful footstool!"

Advices from Zanzibar announce the death of the governor, the oldest son of the Sultan of Muscat. Business was suspended for five days in consequence.

The London Globe lately stated, in reference to the Register's report, that the citizens of London were suffering from a high rate of "mortality."

It is reported that there has been a mutiny among the Zouaves in the Crimea, and that 400 of them had been sent prisoners to Constantinople.

An English officer writes that the horses in the Crimea are so starved, that they have eaten one another's manes and tails completely off, and the men can scarcely keep them off the tents and clothing.

It is said that a new French admiral—Fournichon—is expected soon in the Pacific with five large vessels. Another descent on Siberia (Petro-paulovski) is indicated.

A personage belonging to one of the highest families of Portugal, who desires to preserve a strict incognito, has placed 10,000 bottles of port wine at the disposal of the French government, for the army in the Crimea.

Workmen are at present employed in cleaning and restoring the fine dome of the church of the Sorbonne, built by order of Cardinal de Richelieu, and under which is his mausoleum, one of the finest works of the French sculptor, Girardon.

Two privates of the 99th regiment at Chatham were sentenced, one to 52 days and the other to 162 days hard labor in the military prison at Fort Clarence, for shooting at the emperor of Russia drawn on the barrack table.

In the storm at Genoa, January 20, the U. S. frigate Cumberland having fired a gun, it was at first supposed she was in danger, but it afterwards turned out that an execution had taken place on board, a man being seen hanging from the yard arm.

Four English steam propellers now keep up a regular and profitable monthly communication between Plymouth and the civilized settlements of Western Africa.

The London Watchman mentions the sudden death, in the pulpit, of the Rev. Joseph Beaumont, D. D., one of the most popular ministers of the English Wesleyan Church.

A new dock is to be constructed at Havre de Grace, and every ship entering that port from New Year's day is required to contribute 6 c. a registered ton towards the expense of keeping the dock.

The government of Great Britain is about passing stringent laws to check emigration from that country. The German governments will soon follow suit. They find themselves now needing their emigrant population to recruit and furnish their armies, and we shall not be troubled hereafter with emigrants from Europe.

Mr. Ray, Jr., a watchmaker at Sainte-Austerberthe (Seine Inferieure), has discovered a means of repairing the bells of churches, when cracked, without the tedious process, hitherto considered indispensable, of recasting them. The operation is said to be very simple, and does not necessitate the removal of the bell from its place.

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The taking of the last English census involved the recording of one hundred million of facts.

The Viceroy of Egypt has abolished Customs duties except at Suez.

A German translation of the works of Dr Channing has just been completed at Berlin.

The British government have concluded large contracts for provisions at Dantzic, at high prices.

It is said in Paris that Prince Napoleon is about to be married to one of the princesses of the Royal Family of Wurtemberg.

There are seventy-one religious orders in the Sardinian States, with a property estimated at \$9,000,000.

The St. Petersburg journals, writing of the English army before Sebastopol, call winter "an auxiliary sent by God himself."

The new statue in bronze of Joan of Arc, and the newly-repaired Hotel de Ville at Orleans, are to be inaugurated on the 8th of May next.

Shakspeare has given a name and a subject to a new opera now being played at La Scala, in Milan. It gives some of the leading incidents of Shakspeare's life. M. Cotti is the composer.

The Volga is to be made navigable from Astrakan to the Caspian Sea, and a company to be called the "Golden Fleece" is authorized to work the gold-mines in Siberia.

Several able divers from London and Paris have just passed through Lyons, on their way to the Crimea. They were there joined by one of the most experienced divers of that city.

The most remarkable fountain in the world is that of Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, which plays to the height of 267 feet—as high as Trinity steeple.

A bill has passed the Michigan Legislature, ordering the establishment of a chair of Homoeopathic practice in the medical college of the People's University, at Ann Arbor.

Kossuth's reputation among the English people may be estimated from the fact that the rush for the Sunday Times, for which he has become a constant contributor, is unexampled.

The London Times attacks the government and royal family with audacity.

Great Britain has 5444 artists; 524 authors; 1320 editors, and 207 reporters.

A piece of land was recently sold in London at the rate of two million dollars an acre.

More than 30,000 persons returned from America to England during 1854.

Ex-President Van Buren, who passed the last two winters in Italy, has arrived in Paris.

Descendants of Sir Walter Raleigh are still living in England, though no one bears his name.

The remains of the Duc de Reichstadt, Napoleon's son, will soon reach Paris.

Joseph Hume, the liberal, who lately died in England, was born in the year 1777.

Warlike preparations were never more active in Russia than at present.

Freemasonry, in England, appears to be very prosperous.

An order prohibiting the export of wheat from Poland into Prussia came into operation on the 21st.

There are two millions of persons in France, mostly females, employed in the culture of the grape and the manufacture of wine.

The Moniteur announces the loss of a French frigate with troops, in the Straits of Bonafacio. All on board, 600 or upwards, perished.

Miss Mary Russell Mitford, the poetess, has left "the residue of her personality (sworn under three thousand pounds) to her faithful and attached female servants."

We have official accounts of the battle at Eupatoria, from which it appears that the Russians had 500 killed, and the Turks sustained a loss of 88 killed and 250 wounded.

Khosrew Pacha, who died on the 2d ult., was the oldest servant of the Turkish empire. He had served under five sultans, and had filled in succession all the first posts in the state.

Mr. Dibdin Pitt, an actor and author, who died lately in London at the age of sixty, is said to have written five hundred melodramas within the last twenty years.

Omar Pacha is still in the field. Gallantly he has signalized his appearance in the Crimea by

The Police Gazette of St. Petersburg gives an account of a large wolf, perfectly mad, which ran through the streets of the Russian capital, and bit twenty-eight men and six women.

The King of Prussia, dreadfully annoyed at the satirical hits against him in Punch, is said to contemplate issuing an ordinance sternly forbidding its circulation in, or even admission into, his dominions. Louis Napoleon tried the same game, but without effect, as Punch still found its way into France.

Messrs. Barclay, the London brewers, get their water from wells sunk so deep, that they and the Messrs. Calvert, whose brewery is half a mile distant upon the opposite side of the river, find they are rivals for the same spring. When one brewery pumps, it drains the wells of the other, and the firms are obliged to obtain their water on alternate days.

beating a superior Russian force under General Liprandi, at Eupatoria. Turkey is not quite so "sick" as the Czar represents it, after all.

Glory is a costly thing. The Earl of Hardwick stated in parliament that the British government were paying twenty-five millions of dollars for charters of steam and sailing vessels. Verily war is an expensive amusement.

The enrolment and organization of the Foreign Legion, which is to be composed principally of Swiss troops, is being carried on with vigor. Upwards of 1200 young men of the Swiss militia have already taken the preliminary steps to join this body.

News from China says the insurgents hold Canton in a state of siege, and their fleet has gained several victories over the Imperial fleet. Provisions were rising rapidly in consequence. The insurgents have met with reverses in the neighborhood of Peking.

MAY 1855



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The Queen of Spain has presented the Pope with six beautiful Andalusian horses.

The passage from Dover to Calais has been made by some of the new steamers in one hour and twenty minutes.

England imported 30,543,533 pounds of tobacco in 1854, from which she received a revenue of £4,643,478.

The two sons of the poet Burns have been promoted, William Nichol to a Colonelcy, and James Glencavin to a Lieut. Colonelcy.

Clesinger, the French sculptor, has lost the sight of one eye—at his work a chip of stone flew into it, and destroyed it.

The quantity of malt made in the United Kingdom, in the year 1854, and charged with duty, amounted to 36,819,554 bushels, against 42,039,752 bushels made in 1853.

There has been a terrible inundation in Holland. The Rhine has overflowed its banks, and destroyed many houses, villages, and much farm stock and human life.

The Hulsean prize, Cambridge, England, for the best essay upon the influence of Christianity on International Law, has been awarded to Mr. C. M. Kennedy, and is to be published.

A bas-relief in white marble, representing Esculapius at the bedside of a patient, has just been brought over by the Phlegethon from Cyzica, in Asia Minor, for the museum of the Louvre.

All the Russian prisoners who are so wounded, as to be incapable of bearing arms, are to be sent from Constantinople and Toulon to Odessa, without any conditions, and at the expense of France.

Alboni, after an absence of five years, is about to return to England. She is engaged by Mr. Beale, for a tour in the Provinces, during the months of April and May. Ernst is to be of the party.

Letters from Zurich state that a very active Socialist propagandism has been going on of late in that Canton, and that the number of adherents to the doctrines of Fourier is every day increasing.

The French emperor has recently extended

The Russian government has no idea of selling its North American possessions to us.

When Mr. Thackeray finishes his "Newcomes," he will go to America with a new set of lectures.

On March the 17th the Russians attacked the whole line of the allies before Sebastopol, and were driven back with great loss.

Mahmoud Bey, Mustachar of Foreign Affairs, has been raised to the dignity of Pacha, and appointed Governor of Beyrout.

The looking-glass manufactory of St. Gobain, has cast and polished for the Universal Exhibition, a mirror, eighteen metres (21 1-2 yards) square.

James Montgomery, the poet, who died last year, left an estate which has just been sworn under nine thousand pounds sterling.

The French residents at Florence have raised a subscription among themselves for sending cigars to the French army in the East.

A bas-relief in white marble representing Esculapius attending a patient, has been discovered at Cyzica, in Asia Minor, and brought to the Louvre.

The original MS. of Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth" has been sold for £41 to the British Museum. The sum its last possessor gave for it, was only £16.

On the 31st January there were 5686 convicts under sentence of transportation in confinement in England, and 2369 convicts were at large, with tickets of leave.

Seventeen British peers died during the year 1854, and the change in the House of Commons amounted to 47, or about 6 1-2 per cent. in the number of members.

The island of St. Helena contained in 1849 a population of 5940, of whom there were 534 liberated Africans, and 511 soldiers. There were two attorneys and one doctor.

Workmen have commenced the removal of the raised grass-plot in the centre of the court of the Louvre; and a pedestal is to be built on the site for an equestrian statue of Francis I., by Clesinger.

M. Egger, member of the Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, found in an Egyptian papyrus, brought to France by M. Mariette, an unpublished fragment of a lost tragedy of Euripides.



The French emperor has recently extended his clemency to a great number of soldiers undergoing punishment, either of imprisonment or of hard labor. Of these men, 299 have received a free pardon, and 186 a commutation of punishment.

Among the rumored marriages cited in Paris, are those of M. Ponsard, the dramatic poet, with Mdlle. Rachel, the great tragic actress, and also, that of her brother, M. Raphael Felix, with the young and pretty Judith Ferreyra, actress at the Gymnase.

A sailor's letter from the Crimea thus describes the Turkish camps: "Some of these mud huts are highly finished off,—for instance, we saw one with a glass window, one with a chimney, and one with a wooden door, to which was suspended, by a piece of string, a large stone for a knocker."

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Selim Pasha, the commander of the Egyptians at the combat of Eupatoria, on which occasion he was killed, was the Mameluke who escaped from the massacre at Cairo, by jumping his horse over a parapet.

A cast iron bridge at Bristol, England, of one arch, 160 feet over, was carried away by a screw propeller hitting the side pier. There were persons and carts on it. Some swam ashore, but a woman and child, and several others, were lost.

A recent book sale at Paris attracted much attention. This was the collection of Pierre Didot, the celebrated *typographe*. A copy of the "Roman de la Rose," sold for 2448 francs; the finest edition existing of Racine for 15,778 francs; a Virgil and a Horace for 8628 francs, and other books at proportional prices.

JUN 1855

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A ship lately sailed from Liverpool for Australia with a cargo of 262 unmarried females.

It is said that France intends to take possession of the whole Turkish territory.

Ten thousand of the Chinese insurgents have lately received Christian baptism.

The recent discoveries at Pompeii have been described and illustrated in a French work.

The British allow the purchase and sale of Chinese servants at Hong Kong.

About sixty cases of Assyrian antiquities from the excavations of Mr. Layard, Mr. Rassam and Mr. Loftus have arrived at the British Museum.

At Weimar, counterfeit autographs of Schiller have been made use of in an audacious manner. The heirs of the poet are amongst the dupes.

The estimated population of England and Wales in 1854 was 18,617,000; the number of births, 634,506; of deaths, 438,239; and of marriages, 159,000.

Dogs are henceforth to be taxed in France; a law has just been passed by the Legislative body, levying a duty, varying from one to ten francs per head yearly, on these animals.

There are 50,000 Free Masons in Turkey.

There are 315,000 native Roman Catholics in China.

There are over *ten thousand* emigrants in Liverpool, waiting for passage to this country.

The Emperor of France was 51 years old on the 21st of April.

The subscriptions opened in Holland for the relief of the sufferers by the late terrible inundations, amount to \$190,000.

Several parties in Naples have been arrested and imprisoned for allowing their beards to grow. Barbers must be popular there.

Over 100,000 copies of Barnum's Autobiography have been sold in England, without the slightest advantage, however, to the author.

In France, a method of distilling alcohol from *saw dust* has been discovered. Woodsawyers may now get "high" on their own dust.

A treaty has been concluded between the United States and the Kingdom of Hanover, for the mutual extradition of fugitives from justice.

London extends over an area of 76,029 acres, or 122 square miles, and the number of its inhabitants, rapidly increasing, was on the day of the last census, some 2,362,286.

The town of Lima is the Grand Depot of

francs per head yearly, on these animals.

A letter from St. Petersburg states that the Emperor Alexander intends to visit Helsingfors, with his brother Nicholas, before the commencement of operations in the Baltic.

Samuel Rogers the poet, is greatly improved in health, and is now enabled to take carriage airings daily. The venerable poet enters on his 93d year in July next.

A tribunal of honor, consisting of five members, is to be chosen at Madrid every month, to arrange personal disputes between gentlemen of the press in that city.

Moore's "Last Rose of Summer," in his own handwriting, was recently sold by auction for two guineas. Burns's "Cotter's Saturday Night," on the same occasion, brought \$20 10s.

One of the largest distilleries in Scotland, the Leith distillery, where 1,200,000 gallons of whiskey used annually to be made, has just been converted into a flour mill.

A speculator named La Tour, who had lost the whole of his own and his wife's fortune on the Bourse, and incurred liabilities to the extent of 200,000*l*, which he could not meet, committed suicide at Versailles recently.

A post office is established at the Crimea by the British government. A postmaster and three assistants are stationed there, and eighteen horses and mules are required for the transportation of the mails.

There are 962,898 persons in the United States over 21 years old who cannot read or write. Of these 6819 live in Vermont, and 27,539 in Massachusetts. New Hampshire has the least of any State, 2957.

It is intended to hold a "Grand Bazaar" in London to promote the movement now making to extend the use of free labor in cotton goods, with a view to the discouragement of slavery in the American States.

The town of Lissa, in the Grand Duchy of Posen, has manufactured for the Universal Paris Exhibition a magnificent fur carpet, formed of 8542 pieces of fur indigenous to the country.

More whisky was drank in Scotland last year than in 1853, or almost any year preceding; and much more was spent on whisky in Scotland last year than in any preceding year whatever.

A rumor of the day, is the existence of a secret understanding between Russia and Austria for the signal partition of Turkey, on the model of that of Poland, in case the war results in the final defeat of the allies.

The town of Cheltenham, Eng, recently witnessed the departure of a delegation of men and women, converts to Mormonism, who are en route to Utah. Several of them are persons of respectability.

A French priest has discovered that cholera, war, famine, and pestilence, are nothing more and nothing less but the direct lineal offspring of that most lascivious dance, "polka," and of that "last sigh of expiring virtue, the waltz."

They are making excellent fuel in England out of refuse coal-dust. The process adopted is merely heating and pressing this dust into molds or bricks, when the fuel is found quite equal in all respects to the coal from which it is produced.

The King of Belgium is a Protestant, though his subjects are mostly Catholics. The King of Saxony is a Catholic, though the greater part of his subjects are Protestants. The King of Greece is a Catholic, though most of his subjects are of the Greek Church.

The monthly returns of deserters from the army, navy, and militia of Great Britain, show a large increase in the number of defaulters, the total being 646. Of these, 280 are from the regular troops, and 276 from the militia. From the navy there were 74 deserters, 15 stragglers, and one person discharged with disgrace.

JUL 1855



## Foreign Miscellany.

Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, will visit Paris on the 16th of August.

General Canrobert has been nominated a Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

The Crimea is 124 miles broad, and 170 miles long. Yet the allies find it a tight place.

Macaulay is said to be writing "Lays of the War." Tennyson's battle-ode was a failure.

Poor Lady Franklin has given up all hopes of seeing her husband on this earth.

Madame Rachel over-estimates her attractiveness in this country, we think.

A missionary in Shanghai writes that he has got quite accustomed to the fighting.

An Englishman, named Roystone, squandered \$750,000 in ten years on eating.

A Scotch shepherd lately found a bird's nest in the wool of a sheep.

The mortality in the Austrian army continues great; 15,000 have died, and there are 23,000 in hospital.

There are in the city of London 44,239 rateable houses, and in the metropolis generally, 386,334 houses.

Up to the end of last year more than 1000 tons

France is the greatest beet sugar producing nation in the world. They beat everything.

M. Michelet is said to be engaged on a work to be called "La Reformation."

The Pope has given the annual golden rose, with his blessing, to the Empress of Austria.

Prince de Metternich has just given a grand fete at Vienna, to celebrate the 83d anniversary of his birthday.

A new work by Charles Dickens, in shilling parts, with illustrations by Hablot Browne, will appear in November. A London paper says.

Albert Smith lately exhibited and explained his Ascent of Mont Blanc, for the thousandth time! His London audiences are still crowded.

Abdel-Kader has applied to the French Government for permission to visit Paris, to see the Great Exhibition.

The King of Prussia has presented to the library of Trinity College, Dublin, a number of splendid architectural works.

Provisions and board have risen in Paris fifty per cent. The government are planning some restriction upon the prices.

In the north-eastern gallery of the Paris Exhibition is an enormous picture representing a group of birds, with landscape for background—all worked in hair!

Up to the end of last year more than 1000 tons of rich copper ore were extracted from four or five different places near the Cape of Good Hope.

The Liverpool (Eng.) Times says that of wooden vessels there are but three building on the Clyde at the present moment, while of iron ships there are no fewer than thirty-five.

Pelissier, the new French commander-in-chief, was the author of the fearful tragedy in the *Han-tara*, Algiers, when several hundred men, women and children were suffocated in a cave.

A Russian eagle, a trophy captured near Balaklava, brought to England by H. M. S. *Vengeance*, has been sent by Captain Lord E. Russell to London, as a present to her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"M. Horace Vernet," says the *Independent de l'Ouest*, "has just proceeded to Frohsdorf to paint a portrait of the Count de Chambord, of the size of life. The count is to be represented on horseback."

A recent experiment with a new electric light has been made in London. Constant light equal to seventy-two gas argand burners was produced, and the cost was almost nothing, and the materials consumed were converted into valuable pigments. So says an English journal.

In the late revolution in Peru, the slaves were all set free. Echinique, one of the leaders, promised to free all who would join his banner; but Casilla beat the former at his own game and promised freedom unqualifiedly to all. He was successful, and Echinique had to save himself by flight.

Nine-tenths of the oil sold as olive in this country, is manufactured in France from American lard oil, which is purified by sal soda. The oil thus obtained is sweet and pure, excellent for oiling fine machinery and making pomade for the hair, and undistinguishable by most persons from the olive as a table oil.

all worked in hair!

A letter from Rome states that the golden rose, which the Pope blesses every year, and presents to some female sovereign, is this year to be given to the Empress of Austria.

A speculative merchant in the sutler's camp before Sebastopol, has sent to England for a large quantity of Wenham Lake ice, and untold numbers of ginger-beer and soda-water.

The Countess Rossi, daughter of the lamented Sontag, recently assisted in the performance of Rossini's *Stabat Mater* at Vienna, in company with other amateurs of the nobility.

A descendant of Oliver Cromwell is now a clergyman of the Church of England in Canada; while the last lineal male descendant of Martin Luther was a few years ago received back into the Romish communion.

The only son of Andreas Hofer, the defender of the Tyrol against the French and Bavarians, and who was shot by order of the former at Mantua in 1810, died in Vienna recently. He was proprietor of an imperial snuff and tobacco shop.

Colonel Rawlinson has arrived in London from Bagdad, having brought to a close the excavations in Assyria and Babylonia which he has been superintending for the last three years on behalf of the Trustees of the British Museum.

It is confidently reported that Cardinal Wiseman is on the point of leaving England for good. The Roman Catholic papers abroad observe that the pope has induced Cardinal Wiseman to leave his archdiocese of Westminster, and become a member of the Sacred College at Rome.

Goodyear, the India rubber man, has lately gained a suit in Paris against two French manufacturers, and has been authorized to post in the streets 500 placards, reporting the trial, and to print it in six newspapers, the defendants paying the expenses, besides a fine of 1000 francs.

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### **Foreign Miscellany.**

The French government are about to increase their navy largely.

In a single day seventy thousand persons visited the Paris Exhibition.

Within a year the King of Sardinia has lost five members of his family by death.

An elephant, 120 years old, was lately shot in Birmingham, on account of age.

A colossal statue of Berzelius, the chemist, has just been cast at the foundry in Munich.

The project of closing the hakers' shops in London on Sunday has caused riots.

Fourteen thousand men of the Austrian army in Galicia have died.

It is said that more churches have been erected in England during the last fifty years, than had been built for five centuries before.

The Manchester and Liverpool Agricultural Society have presented a fine Cheshire cheese, 90 lbs. weight, to the Emperor Napoleon.

John Black, for twenty-five years editor of the London Morning Chronicle, and "father of the London press," died a short time since, aged 72.



The Journal de la Corse announces the discovery of a mine of mercury in the district of Ajaccio.

The Ex-Queen of France, after the numerous vicissitudes of her lengthened career, is in the enjoyment of excellent health, in London.

One of the officers of the allied army at Kertch, observing an unusual number of new graves, caused them to be opened, when they were found to contain cannon.

A comparison of the sums insured against loss by fire, in the different assurance offices of England, shows that property exceeding in value one thousand millions sterling is thus protected.

It is stated that nearly all the branches of the Bonaparte family will in a very short time be assembled in Paris, round the emperor, who desires that the several persons bearing his name should form a *faisceau* near him.

The Paris Univers, the organ of the Jesuits, lately made a virulent attack upon Beranger. The reply was found in the sale of the thousand copies of a bust of the old poet, adroitly put upon the market by a Parisian sculptor.

A creditor in France has availed himself of an excellent plan to make his debtors come up and settle. He has posted up in a conspicuous part of his inn a list, on which he affixes their names, with the sum due by each.

A means of impregnating silk with gold, silver, brass, or iron, so that it can be woven with perfect flexibility, has recently been discovered by a chemist in France. It is said that the price of the new material will not be high.

The Austrian Gazette has an article endeavoring to prove that the allies should abandon the siege of Sebastopol, because the taking of the town will involve a sacrifice disproportioned to the advantages of victory.

The science of photography is now assuming such universal dimensions that we find the large cities and towns on the Continent are following the example set by London in holding their "Expositions Photographiques."

The Allies have given orders to complete the destruction of the fortifications at Anapa. Two hundred pieces of cannon and two years' provisions were found in the forts. The Circassians plundered the town.

A monument to Daniel O'Connell, executed by Benzoni, at the expense of Mr. Bianconi, the well-known car proprietor in Ireland, has been completed and is to be placed in the church of Sant' Agata della Suburra, belonging to the Irish College at Rome.

On the late anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, Lord Seaton caused a gratuity of 5s. to be given to each survivor of the memorable conflict at present residing in Kilmainham Hospital.

A proclamation has been published in Altona prohibiting enlistments for the Foreign Legion. The penalty for disobedience is eight years imprisonment and hard labor.

The imperial Brazilian decree for the construction of a railway in Bahia has arrived in England. The maximum capital on which a premium is at present guaranteed is £1,800,000.

The fine arts department of the Paris Exhibition is truly wonderful. It is said to contain the largest and finest collection of pictures which have ever been brought together under one roof.

Some ladies in England, who have been remarkably successful in ecclesiastical embroidery, have formed themselves into a society for supplying poor churches with such things at mere cost.

During the year 1854, 388,714 cwt. of foreign cheese was imported into the United Kingdom. Of this 349,696 cwt. came from other parts of Europe; 38,987 cwt. from the United States, and 30 cwt. from British possessions abroad.

A gentleman of the name of Delle Cose has just died at Verona, leaving a million of francs as a fund for the relief of poor workmen unable from sickness or other causes to maintain their families.

The publishers of the Melbourne Argus have raised the price of that paper from ten to twenty dollars per year. They say it costs them half a million dollars per year to carry on their establishment.

The present war footing of the Austrian army is said to involve an expense of 650,000 florins (say £65,000) a day. The annual cost, therefore, it is calculated, will carry the deficit in the Budget to about 300,000,000 florins (say thirty millions sterling).

The ground left disposable by the demolition of the buildings of the Temple, in Paris, is to be transformed into a public garden in the English style, in the centre of which will be erected a monument to Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette.

The duke of Nassau has given a commission to the sculptor Hopsfgarten for a group in marble, representing Christ in the midst of his Apostles, destined for a church in Wiesbaden. These figures are to be much larger than life size, and the sum paid to the artist is to be 75,000 francs.



## Foreign Miscellany.

The French have found out that the entire Russian army amounts to 620,000.

The restoration of the paintings in the dome of St. Paul's is rapidly progressing.

The chorus at the Opera Comique, Paris, includes a man who has nine sons fighting in the Crimea.

The Earl of Ellesmere, well pleased, has ordered a third picture from Kensett, the American landscape painter.

The Irish claim General Pelissier as the son of a countryman, Mr. Palisser, a Limerick gentleman, who was obliged to flee his country in ninety-eight.

A pension of £50 a year has just been granted by England, from the civil list, to the well-known and popular author of many works of Christian philosophy and literature, Dr. Dick.

Horace Vernet, the great French battle-painter, is settled at Marseilles.

The brilliant letters of William Howard Russell, from the Crimea to the Times, have been gathered and published in a book.

The Crystal Palace in New York has been rented to the American Institute, who will hold their next annual Fair in it.

An Italian translation of Layard's "Nineveh," by Count Ercole Malvasia Tortorelli, has appeared at Bologna.

Miss Fanny Cathcart, second surviving daughter of the late Sir George Cathcart, is to be a Maid of Honor to the Queen.

The cholera is daily carrying off from eighteen to twenty persons at Warsaw, and is extending its ravages along the Vistula as far as Cracow.

Rosa Bonheur, who is pronounced by the London News the greatest painter of rustic subjects in France, is exhibiting some of her pictures in London.

Lient. General James Fergusson, for some time past in command of the troops at Malta, will succeed Sir Robert Gardiner as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar.

The war in Russia has driven many of the children of Abraham into England. The Abrahamic Society in the latter country reports grants to one hundred and twenty-three Jewish converts.

There were printed last year at the mission press in Constantinople, 1,268,000 pages in the Armenian, Armeno-Turkish, Greek and Hebrew-Spanish languages, of which 2,132,000 were of the Scriptures.

The commune of San Quisino, in Piedmont, has just devoted itself to the Holy Virgin, by a legal conveyance in good and due form, "in presence of us, the notary Morelli, and the witnesses of this deed," etc.

In consequence of the recent discovery of immense supplies of ironstone in the Cleveland hills, in North Yorkshire, thirty smelting furnaces are in operation, or in course of construction, on the banks of the Tees.

The United Service Gazette states that Sir Charles Napier was offered and declined the dignity of G.C.B., feeling that he could not receive a reward for services in respect of which he had been censured.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times states that the courts of Denmark and Sweden "are bound body and soul to Russia;" that the small German States are of the same sympathies, and that there is hardly a German government that is not under Russian influence.

Among the "trophies" carried away by the English soldiers who were sheltered in the houses near the Redan, one soldier of the 88th regiment brought away a very young child; but it was almost immediately sent back to the Russian outposts.

Philip Pusey, Esq., a distinguished English agriculturist, who was last year President of the Royal Agricultural Society, and who edited the journals of that society, died of paralysis at the residence of his brother, the Rev. Dr. Pusey, at Christ Church, in Oxford University, on the 10th ult.

London.

Readings of the war have become common in several provincial towns, the local clergyman or magistrate being generally the reader, and the artisans of the town the audience.

M. Antoine Etex, the eminent artist who adorned the arch of triumph at Paris with colossal sculptures, has presented to the city of New York his great picture, "The Glory of America."

It is reported at Clonmel that Mr. John O'Connell has accepted a Government situation worth £1200 a year, and that in consequence he will resign the representation of that town.

It is said that shells thirty-six inches in diameter, and weighing upward of a ton each, are being manufactured at the Lowmoor Iron Works, England, for the use of the British artillery before Sebastopol.

The Paris Moniteur has taken advantage of the feeling in favor of England to publish "Martin Chuzzlewit," by Dickens, in its grave, official columns. No French paper, however important, can exist without a novel.

The Annales d'Hygiene, of Paris, has published an article pointing out the danger arising from packing snuff in lead, as the damp in the snuff acting on the lead oxidizes it, and forms a soluble salt of a poisonous nature.

It is said that the poorer classes of Chinese in the neighborhood of Hong Kong, sell their children, from seven to ten years of age, for twenty-four cents each, the purchasers to use them as servants. Girls from ten to fifteen years bring upwards of a dollar.

The French Imperial Court have just decided that the patent taken out some years ago by M. Minie for his famous bullet, is void, as being in the employ of government, and being paid for the special object of improving fire-arms, his improvements and inventions belong to the nation and the public.

The Russian government is filling the places vacated by English mechanics, on account of the war, with Americans. Six mechanics leave Baltimore, in a day or two, to take charge of important positions on the Russian railways. Altogether, twenty-five or thirty mechanics will be sent out from Baltimore.

## Foreign Miscellany.

Locusts have done much damage to the crops in Southern Russia this season.

The British in the Sea of Azof have blown up the sunken Russian ships of war.

Mr. Hancock, a London jeweller, has in the Paris exhibition jewels of the value of \$650,000.

Advices from Paris state that 50,000 additional reinforcements are to be sent to the Crimea.

It is a curious fact that during the period of one hundred and thirty eight years, the first-born of the Austrian house has been a girl.

Late news from India state that the British government was about to collect a Crimean reserve force from that country at Cairo.

The Turkish government has authorized the construction of a railway from Constantinople to Belgrade, which will soon be open for traders.

The Paris Mint have struck a medal in commemoration of the visit of Queen Victoria. It is executed in gold, platina, aluminum, silver, and bronze.

Of the twelve gates of Rome only three are

The annual subscriptions to the London Art Union amount to more than \$200,000.

The Persian government instigated by Russia, say the British has suppressed Protestant schools.

A telegraph from Hamburg, in Norway, through Denmark to Christiana, in Sweden, has just been completed and put into operation.

The Moniteur states officially that the sum total of the subscriptions to the French loan is 3,652,591,985 francs.

Mlle. Rosa Bonheur's picture of "The Horse Fair" is sold to an Englishman—but not a resident in England—for a trifle under £2000.

The pope has awarded a gold medal to Prince Borghese, for importing a Durham bull. We thought the pope had bulls enough of his own.

One in every six of the men, women and children of Newcastle, Eng., is a pauper, and the total number of paupers in the town exceeds 16,000.

A codfish was recently brought ashore at Backie, in England, which had in its stomach no less than twenty-five full grown herrings.

At the theatres in Paris you keep your place by tying a handkerchief round your seat. No one will take either in your absence.



Of the twelve gates of Rome, only three are now held by the French—i. e., the Cavalleggeri, leading to Civita Vecchia; the Porta del Popolo, leading to Tuscany and Romagna; and the Porta San Giovanni, on the road to Naples.

The mayor of Havre has issued a decree prohibiting sailors of all nations from carrying knives in their girdles in the town, and declaring that captains of ships will be held civilly responsible for the conduct of the men under their command.

Among the medical graduates of the Edinburgh University, who obtained their diplomas at the last examination, were a Chinese and four Egyptians. The Chinese graduate, Won Fun, is believed to be the first Chinaman who ever graduated at a British university.

The English destroyed at Berdiansk, in the Sea of Azof, ten large granaries, filled with wheat, each averaging about two hundred tons in capacity, and several flour mills, which have been employed night and day grinding for the use of the Russians.

A ukase of the emperor of Russia calls out the militia in eleven additional governments. A demand is made of twenty-three men out of every one thousand of the population—the levy to commence on the 1st day of October, and to be completed by the end of November.

A servant girl lately robbed a gentleman residing in Paris of 100,000 francs (\$20,000); for some time the thief was undiscovered, but at length she was caught and all the money found. The amount had been carelessly left lying upon a desk, and, under the circumstances, the owner almost deserved to lose it.

In England, for the fifty years previous to 1800, 96 of every 1000 deaths were of small pox; from 1800 to 1850, only 25 out of 1000. In France, out of 2,671,562 persons vaccinated, there were but seven fatal cases of the disease, and in many of the departments, small pox is now unknown.

one will take either in your absence.

The Russian loss at Sweaborg is reported at only 40 killed and 160 wounded; the fortifications were destroyed.

One of the missionaries to the Jews in London has received during the last year, 1149 visits from Jews and Jewesses, who are seeking instruction in Christianity.

The report in Paris is, that if the Empress Eugenie gives birth to a daughter, the emperor will repeal the Salic Law, in order that his daughter may reign.

A Mr. Daft, civil engineer, has designed a war raft, 1500 feet long, and 300 feet wide, propelled by screws and paddles, to carry a weight of 20,000 tons, at a speed of fifteen knots an hour.

Some difficulty has arisen between the government of Moldavia and the Ottoman ministry, the latter having replied in favorable terms to a petition by the Jews of the province for greater freedom.

During the funeral of Lord Raglan, not a Russian gun was fired. In return, as soon as the church bells began tolling, announcing the death of Admiral Machinoff, all the allied batteries were silenced.

A Berlin paper states that Austria has declared that she will treat according to military law every individual found tampering with Austrian soldiers with a view of inducing them to join the Anglo-Italian legion.

The Russian loss in the battle of the Tchernaya was nearly 4000 killed and wounded, and of the allies only 1000. The Russians were not pursued across the river, and therefore held their former position.

The Military Gazette of Vienna states that the Emperor Alexander, accompanied by his brothers, Nicholas and Michael, will soon proceed to Sebastopol, as he verbally promised his late father to do, to thank the garrison for their brave defence.

## Foreign Miscellany.

The harvest in England was fortunately a good one. But the war keeps up the prices.

Queen Victoria has been twice kissed by a French monarch, by Louis Philippe and Louis Napoleon.

Miss Glyn, the famous English actress, lately married Mr. Dallas, a litterateur.

The town of Deal, Eng., is about to be lighted by electricity. It gives a *deal* of light.

Garibaldi, the defender of Rome, is now an officer in the Piedmontese service.

Mrs. Trollope, who abused this country so shamefully, is out with *another* romance.

Several new Russian ships are to be built this winter at Nicolaeiff.

The Russians have re-established communications between Genitchi and Arabat.

It is definitely announced that Omar Pacha is to take command of the forces in Asia forthwith.

An English paper says Wenham Lake is in the town of New Hampshire, Massachusetts.

The Austrian engineers officially report favorably on the proposed ship canal from the Danube to the Black Sea.

The Austrian Lloyds undertakes to open steam communication between Trieste, North African ports, Spain and Portugal.



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A Prussian collier was lately blown to pieces by striking a Russian infernal machine.

The Duke de Montpensier is working to get his wife upon the throne of Spain.

The allies found immense materials of war in their recent capture of Sebastopol.

The London Artizan mentions an invention for softening horn, and rendering it elastic like whalebone.

There are said to be 5000 hacks in Paris. The wages of hackmen are 70 cents a day, and his gratuities average 25 cents more.

A late English paper states that the manuscript of Macaulay's new volumes is in the hands of the Longmans, and will be forthcoming before Christmas.

The Government of Melbourne has exempted editors of newspapers from serving on juries, and has remitted the fines of some for non-attendance.

It is calculated that the yearly consumption of tobacco in Turkey, reaches 320,000,000 pounds, allowing forty pounds a year each for eight millions of smokers.

Toddlebens latest creation, called the "Fort of Holy Cross," is armed with guns of the heaviest calibre, and completely commands the Malakoff.

Fergus O'Connor, the noted chartist, has just died, aged fifty-nine. For some time past he was under the care of his sister, having been removed from a lunatic asylum. He did not recover his intellect, but died a complete wreck.

At Sydenham, Eng., several weeks since, one of the workmen employed in the Crystal Palace, upon a wager of a gallon of beer, climbed from the ground to the summit of the Water Tower, a height of two hundred feet, upon a rope.

Mary Russell Mitford's grave is to have placed over it a plain monument; and it is hoped that a subscription will be opened in America to aid the design, and also to build a school in the village which she has made famous by her presence and her writings, to be dedicated by name to her memory.

The British Church Missionary Society raised during the last year some \$130,000—its stations being among the Indians of their own land, also in Western Africa, China, Northern India, among the Chinese gold diggers of California, and the Catholics of South America. The Christian Knowledge Society also raised \$450,000.

Two German girls, with a hurdygurdy and a tambourine, have netted £2000 in ten months in Australia.

The human hair harvest of France—the flowing locks parted with reluctantly by females—amounts to one hundred tons a year.

Mr. Naysmith's wrought iron monster gun had proved a complete failure. The experiment of wrought iron ordinance is therefore abandoned.

The Austrian papers make complaint that the assistance lent by the Western powers to the Sultan is fast changing into permanent occupation of Turkey.

One Chinese (Dr. Wong-Fun) and four Egyptians have received the degree of M. D. at the Edinburgh University. The former was the first Chinaman who ever graduated at a British University.

The well known Austrian Marshal Radetsky has just completed his 89th year, and has served in the army seventy one years. He is still in good health, but has requested to be allowed to retire.

At the Paris Exhibition, the English glass, porcelain, bronze and fancy work generally, are not comparable with that manufactured at Venice, Prague, Munich and Paris, and even in scientific instruments the English are surpassed by their foreign competitors. The inferiority is very great.

A paper maker in the south of France, makes a pulp of five common plants in certain proportions, with twenty per cent. of rags, and produces a paper not distinguishable from pure linen, and which is of excellent quality, and can be afforded at half price. It is stated that a large company has been formed at Paris for its manufacture.

London papers announce the death of Dr. Archibald Arnott, in the 84th year of his age. He was Napoleon's last medical attendant. He entered the army upwards of sixty years ago, and retired from active service in 1826, during which time he shared the perils and exploits of his regiment on the Nile, in Calabria, Portugal, Spain and Holland.

Preaching in the open air has become quite common in England. The Bishop of Winchester has recently recommended all his clergy who are able to go out of their churches, to preach to the people in the streets at suitable times; and Canon Miller has declared his belief that it is the only way of getting hold of the minds of the multitude.